

U.S. Embassy Dakar, Senegal
Security Message for U.S. Citizens – Additional Counternarcotics Indictment
Unsealed by U.S. Department of Justice
April 18, 2013

The U.S. Embassy wishes to inform U.S. citizens in Guinea-Bissau that the U.S. Department of Justice has unsealed an indictment naming a high-level, Bissau-Guinean military official for involvement in drug trafficking and narco-terrorism. Two weeks ago, another Bissau-Guinean official was indicted on similar charges. U.S. citizens living in and traveling to Guinea Bissau are encouraged to practice good personal security habits and be aware of their surroundings by remaining vigilant and taking appropriate steps to increase their personal security.

The Embassy reminds U.S. citizens to avoid demonstrations. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful have the potential to escalate quickly and turn confrontational or violent without advance warning. Avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution should you find yourself in the vicinity of a demonstration.

There is currently no permanent U.S. diplomatic or consular presence in Guinea-Bissau. The U.S. Liaison Office in Bissau remains closed until further notice. All security and consular services should be coordinated through American Citizens Services Section and the Regional Security Office at the U.S. Embassy in Dakar, Senegal. The U.S. Embassy in Dakar is located on Route des Almadies, Dakar; the mailing address is B.P. 49, Dakar, Senegal. If you have questions or concerns about safety or related issues, please contact the consular section at the Embassy by sending an email message to consulardakar@state.gov. The Embassy telephone number is +221 33 879-4000. For after hours emergencies, please call Tel: 33-879-4444 and ask to speak to the duty officer.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the [U.S. Embassy Dakar](#) website. You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's [Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#) where you can find the current [Worldwide Caution](#), [Travel Warning](#), Travel Alerts, and [Country Specific Information](#). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on [Facebook](#) as well, or you can download our free Smart Traveler App, available through [iTunes](#) and the Google marketplace, to have travel information at your fingertips. If you don't have internet access, current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States, or for callers

from other countries, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

If you are going to live in or travel to Guinea-Bissau or Senegal, please take the time to tell us about your trip by enrolling in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#) (STEP). If you enroll, we can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. It will also help your friends and family get in touch with you in an emergency. You should remember to keep all of your information in STEP up to date. It is important during enrollment or updating of information to include your current phone number and current email address where you can be reached in case of an emergency.